

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Linville Creek. This stream is listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for Fecal Coliform and the General Standard (Benthics). The Linville Creek stream segment is located in Rockingham County. It is 13.6 miles in length and begins at the headwaters and continues to the confluence with the North Fork of the Shenandoah River.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The final public meeting on the development of the Linville Creek TMDLs will be held on **Wednesday, March 5, 2003, 7:00 p.m.** at Broadway High School located at 269 Gobbler Drive in Broadway, Virginia. Directions to the school are available at <http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us/RCPS/directions.html>.

A copy of the draft TMDL documents addressing the Linville Creek impairments will be ready for review on March 3, 2003. The public comment period will run from March 3, 2003 to April 2, 2003. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Sandra Mueller. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Sandra T. Mueller, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 E. Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4324, fax (804) 698-4116, or e-mail stmueller@deq.state.va.us.